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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Indianapolis Press Club collection
Date	1934-1982
Extent	2.5 Cubic feet 5 manuscript boxes
Language	English
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Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The Indianapolis Press Club was founded April 10, 1934, when the word press referred only to the newspaper profession and to men, not women. It later opened to broadcasters and women. Its first president was Maurice Early, then a political reporter for the Indianapolis Star. Its first broadcaster president was James R. Hetherington, WFBM-TV, in 1967, and its first woman president was Hortense Myers of the United Press International, in 1976. Its Gridiron Dinner began in 1947, as an event to "roast" political leaders, ending in 2003 (the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute later resurrected it as a fundraiser). It had many other activities for its members, including Front Page Balls, Inflation Nights, and Old Timers' Nights and was very active during the annual Indiana legislative session. It had a 16 member board and an executive director. It had a number of locations, one of them on Monument Circle which went up in flames twice. The final home was in the Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA) building across from the statehouse. The Indianapolis Press Club closed its doors in 2004.

Information was found within the collection and in the following locations.

Farmer, James E. (1994). "Indianapolis Press Club." In *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. (p. 803).
Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. ISLI 977.201 M341len

"Indiana Gridiron". Retrieved 2013/12/28. <http://Indianagridiron.com/about-the-indiana-gridiron-dinner>.

"Indianapolis Press Club". Retrieved 2013/12/28. <http://historicindianapolis.com/indianapolis-collected-play-it-again-sam-a-tragic-tale-of-love-and-loss/>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes papers, newspaper clippings, program brochures, financial ledgers, checkbooks and photographs from the Indianapolis Press Club in Indianapolis, Indiana (and other sources in other locations) ranging from 1934 to 1982 regarding the club.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Organizational history, 1934-1974

Series 2: Gridiron documents, 1947-1982

Series 3: Subject files, 1958-1975

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from the Indianapolis Press Club on 1981/07/30.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2013/13/18 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid was created on 2013/13/18 by Edythe Huffman.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana Gridiron.
- Indianapolis Press Club.

Geographic Name(s)

- Dallas (Tex.)
- South Bend (Ind.)
- Texas

Personal Name(s)

- Early, Maurice

Subject(s)

- Awards
- Corporate minutes
- Financial statements
- Newspaper presses
- Photographs

Series 1: Organizational history, 1934-1974

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Organizational history, 1934-1974

History, 1934-1964

Board minutes and board members, 1958-1969

Constitution, bylaws, rules, 1947-1962

Correspondence, 1956-1974

Early scholarship, 1956-1957

Election campaigns, 1957-1970

Finances, 1956-1972

Membership, 1947-1974

Miscellaneous, 1956-1974

Newsletters, 1937-1970

Officers, 1954-1970

Series 2: Gridiron documents, 1947-1982

Press awards, 1959-1974

Special events (other than Gridiron), 1956-1975

Series 2: Gridiron documents, 1947-1982

Gridiron finances, 1956-1966

Gridiron finances, 1967

Gridiron finances, 1968

Gridiron finances, 1969

Gridiron finances, 1970

Gridiron finances, 1971

Gridiron finances, 1972

Gridiron finances, 1973

Gridiron history, 1947-1965

Gridiron history, 1966-1968

Gridiron history, 1969

Series 3: Subject files, 1958-1975

Gridiron history, 1970

Gridiron history, 1971-1972

Gridiron history, 1973-1974

Gridiron publicity, 1947-1966

Gridiron publicity, 1967-1982

Series 3: Subject files, 1958-1975

National Press Club documents, 1973-1975

Press Club of Dallas documents, 1958

South Bend Press Club documents, 1972-1973